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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: Chief, Branch of Procurement Management

Subject: Developing Government Cost Estimates for Contracted Work

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to provide the average rates to be used in developing Government cost estimates for contracted work. Set forth below are current average rates for service and construction projects.

The codes noted after the project type are from the National Council on Compensation Insurance and are used by the State of Oregon in computation of the compensation rate.

<u>Workers' Compensation for Reforestation Contracts</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Precommercial thinning (chain saw use) (2702)	45% of Wage
Manual release, including brushing (0124)	11% of Wage
Slash piling and burning (0124)	11% of Wage
Stream clearing (0124)	11% of Wage
Gopher control/baiting (0124)	11% of Wage
Tree planting (0124)	11% of Wage
Tubing/mulching (0124)	11% of Wage
Cone collection with tree climbing (0035)	3% of Wage
Cone collection without tree climbing (0035)	3% of Wage
Log scaling (8601)	1% of Wage
Falling & bucking (2702)	45% of Wage
Aerial fertilization flying crew (7409)	26% of Wage
Aerial fertilization ground crew (7423)	5% of Wage

<u>Workers' Compensation for Construction contracts</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Roofing (5551)	24% of Wage
Painting (5474)	11% of Wage
Concrete culvert construction (5222)	26% of Wage
Log Road culvert construction (5511)	12% of Wage
Well drilling (6204)	15% of Wage
Metal fence building (6400)	11% of Wage
Wood fence building (5403)	16% of Wage
Building construction (5403)	16% of Wage

For All Contracts in Addition to the Above

FICA (Social Security)	6.2% of Wage
FUTA (Federal Unemployment Tax)	0.8% of Wage
SUTA (State Unemployment Tax)	3.1% of Wage
Workers' Compensation Premium	5.5% of Wage

Workers' compensation (employer contribution per employee) is \$.015/per hour.

Please insure that individuals responsible for developing Government cost estimates are provided a copy of this current information. Some of the rates have increased/decreased substantially and will ultimately affect contract awards. Should you have questions, please call Madeline Small, Contract Specialist, at 503-808-6222.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this Information Bulletin and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

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